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ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT - 1979

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1. GUY GRESFORD, ADVISOR ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, DFA, HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY (S.L.O.) FOR AN UPDATE OF U.S. THINKING ON SEVERAL ASPECTS PERTAINING TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, GRESFORD WISHES INSIGHTS ON CURRENT U.S. THINKING ON (1) CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION; (2) HOW IS U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEEDING WITH PREPARATION OF ITS
QUOTE NATIONAL PAPERS UNQUOTE; (3) WHAT IS U.S. DOING
TO PREPARE QUOTE SUBJECT AREA UNQUOTE PAPERS - AS WE
UNDERSTAND IT, QUOTE SUBJECT AREAS UNQUOTE WILL NOT BE
ANNOUNCED UNTIL PREPCOM IN JANUARY 1978 AND COUNTRY
PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED INMAY 78; AS THIS HARDLY
ENOUGH TIME IN GOA'S WAY OF THINKING, AUSTRALIA IS

ALREADY PREPARING PAPERS ON WHAT IT CONSIDERS WILL BE
MAJOR ISSUES, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WILL BE BEEFED UP
FOR THOSE ITEMS EVENTUALLY CHOSEN AS QUOTE SUBJECT
AREAS UNQUOTE; AND FINALLY, (4) WHAT IS CURRENT STATUS
OF U.S. OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE? FYI GRESFORD SAID
THAT HE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT U.S. INTEREST IN HOSTING
CONFERENCE HAD SOMEWHAT COOLED WITH ADVENT OF NEW
ADMINISTRATION AND HE SOUGHT CONFIRMATION OR REFTUATION
OF RUMORS. END FYI.

3. ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND/OR USUN CAN PROVIDE FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO GRESFORD WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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